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Guidelines for Payment of Vaccines (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus (PPV), Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and Their Administration at Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDFs)

Key Words

Vaccines, Payment, Renal, Dialysis, MM3936, CR3936, R634CP, Pneumococcal, Pneumonia, Influenza, Hepatitis, Administration, AWP, RDF

Provider Types Affected

Freestanding and provider-based renal dialysis facilities (RDFs) that bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for vaccines and vaccine administration

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- MM3936 clarifies payment rules for vaccines furnished to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients (PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and its administration provided by RDFs (Type of bill 72X).
- Payment may be made for both the vaccine and the administration.
- FIs pay for PPV, influenza, and Hepatitis B virus vaccines provided by freestanding RDFs based on the lower of the actual charge or 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).
- Provider-based RDF payment is based on reasonable cost.
- Vaccine administration payments to freestanding RDFs are based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, according to its rate associated with code 90782 for services provided prior to March 1, 2003, and on code 90471 for services provided on or after March 1, 2003.
- Codes for reporting the vaccines only are listed in the table on pages 2 and 3 of MM3936.

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